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ODESSAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON DRUG CHARGE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that an Odessa man was sentenced to ten years in federal prison this morning for possession of cocaine and marijuana with intent to distribute.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Robert Junell ordered 30-year-old Carlos De La Rosa, to be placed under supervised release for a period of eight years after completing his prison term.

On March 2, 2007, a federal jury sitting in Midland convicted De La Rosa of possession of cocaine and marijuana with intent to distribute. Testimony at trial established that Midland and Odessa police detectives executed a search warrant at the Odessa apartment of Christopher Galindo on September 22, 2006, which led to the recovery of a kilogram of cocaine and 17 pounds of marijuana. Evidence further established that De La Rosa, who was present at the time the search warrant was executed, was Galindo's drug supplier.

Galindo is currently serving a six-year federal prison term for his role in the offense.

The case was investigated by the Midland and Odessa police departments, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Parras.

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